

PROCEDURES FOR NAMING ROADS/BRIDGES/FERRIES

The following documentation and information is required before any naming request will be considered by the Board of Transportation.

Information to be provided by the local nominating entity:

- ☐ **1. Background information on nominee.** Sufficient information must be provided to explain why the naming is warranted; for example, local, state, and/or national contributions and accomplishments. If the designee is recently deceased, the request will be reviewed after a one year waiting period.
- ☐ **2. Description of what is requested to be named.** The Board will consider naming Ferries, Interstate, US, and NC routes/bridges only, or more significant bridges on the state's secondary road system. The distance of dedication should be approximately 5 miles or less. Law enforcement officers will be honored with bridge dedications in lieu of highways.
- ☐ **3. Resolutions from all local governing bodies associated with or affected by the request.** City or town councils and/or county commissioners must adopt resolutions in sufficient detail to adequately justify the request.
- ☐ **4. Strong public input and support.** Explain the degree to which the public supports the request and had notice of action with an opportunity for input.

NCDOT Staff Review:

- ☐ **5. Whether another facility has been previously named by the BOT.**
The Board does not name more than one facility for the same individual. Requests for duplicate family members reviewed on case by case basis.
- ☐ **6. If the facility is planned or under construction, expected completion date.** The Board typically does not name facilities until approximately three months prior to completion.
- ☐ **7. Opposition.** The Board does not mediate local disagreements.

Action by the Road and Bridge Naming Committee and Board of Transportation:

- a. Board member must endorse request and present to Committee and Board.
- b. NCDOT Secretary and Board Chairman are Co-Chairs of the Committee and call meetings and approve the agenda.
- c. A naming request reviewed and recommended by the Committee will be "held" for at least one month before being considered by the full Board.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO ASSIST WITH ROAD/BRIDGE NAMING REQUESTS
FROM INDIVIDUALS AND GOVERNMENTS:**

- The requesting party should have the family's support for the road or bridge naming request including agreement with the requested location of the dedication.
- The requested wording to appear on the actual signs needs to be stated in the resolution by the local government (with the family's concurrence) to insure the signs are manufactured correctly. Final wording is at the Department's discretion.
- Interstate designations will use the wording "Freeway" and NC & US roadways designation will use the wording "Highway".
- Local governments could consider the "Adopt a Highway" program as an alternative method of honoring an individual or group.
- The Board does not typically name a facility for accident victims. An individual's accomplishments and contributions to the state and community are used as criteria for consideration for a memorial designation.
- It is the responsibility of the individual seeking the road or bridge naming request to work directly with the local government to obtain the necessary resolution for submittal to the Board.
- Municipalities may name municipally owned streets or bridges in honor of individuals or groups. This does not require DOT review or approval.
- It is the Board's opinion that the Blue Star Memorial Highway designation honors all veterans and military groups in the state. Therefore, any other designation of a road or structure for veterans or military groups would be considered duplication.
- Honorary signs will be ground mounted; overhead signs will not be installed. Signs will be installed at the beginning and ending termini of the approved roadway segment, and will not be installed on exits, Y-lines, or intersecting roadways.
- Signs will not include titles except for certain designations as determined by the committee (i.e. Trooper, Congressman, Governor).
- Dedications for law enforcement officers are for North Carolina officers killed in the line of duty.